

# RAILWAY CONSOLIDATION FUTURE COMPROMISE QUICK PASSAGE LIKELY

**Final Report Provides for Voluntary Consolidation of Private Lines.**

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The House conference on the railroad bill completed the measure to-night and put the finishing touches on the conference report. It will be printed to-morrow and presented to both houses either late in the day or early Thursday. All of the conference managers are in agreement with the exception of Representatives (Tenn.) and Barclay (Ky.), the two House Democratic members. They will not sign the report, and Mr. Sims has declared his intention of opposing its adoption on the floor of the House because of the inclusion of section 6.

# LABOR OPPOSITION SEEMS TO HAVE SUBSIDED—TWO DEMOCRATS ARE OBSTACLES

For an enlarged Interstate Commerce Commission to have complete supervision of railroad operations. For a five percent rate return to the carriers of 3½ to be calculated by the Interstate Commerce Commission on the basis of the investment in railroad operating property, with an additional half per cent. for non-productive improvements in the discretion of the carriers. For the public and private railroads to be placed on an equal basis in the transportation of freight.

# HILL RAIL MERGER IS TO BE REVIVED

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for consolidation purposes, but such consolidation is not enforced as was originally provided by the Cummins bill. Such consolidations, it was stated to-night, are differentiated from the Northern Securities case by the fact that they provide for a physical merging of properties into a single unit, while the Northern Securities Company was a financial arrangement provided for by the act of Congress.

# MORE BRITISH MONEY GOES UP IN SMOKE

**Tobacco, Taxi Fares, Thread and Postage Rising.**

LONDON, Feb. 17.—An actual and prospective increase in prices announced to-day includes one penny to two pence increase on cigars and an ounce of tobacco, and a half penny increase on a package of ten cigarettes. Sewing cotton is increased 2½ pence a reel.

# NO 5-CENT LOAF LIKELY

**Labor Cost Bar to Even if Flour Were Free.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Increased production and distribution costs would prohibit the sale of five cent loaves of bread "even if the flour were furnished free," Harry T. Tipton of Brooklyn, president of the New York State Bakers Association, testified to-day before the Senate Agricultural Committee.

# DISPUTE HOLDS UP BOOZE STEAMSHIP

**City of Miami's Palatial Bar May Be Reason.**

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—A difference of \$125,000 between what was said to have been the estimated price of repairs of the steamship City of Miami and the price demanded by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation is responsible for holding up that vessel in the Port of Miami.

# STREET CLEANING FUND O. K.

**Unexpended Pension Surplus \$1,610,000, Hirschfeld Reports.**

The pension fund of the Street Cleaning Department is intact and there is no need of raising revenue bonds to carry that fund, according to the preliminary report of David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of Accounts, to Mayor Hylan yesterday. The Commissioner made a communication sent to the Mayor by C. A. Charlesworth, chairman of the executive committee of the Protective Association of Pensioners of the Street Cleaning Department.

# EARNINGS STATEMENTS.

COLORADO AND SOUTHERN SYSTEM.			
December gross	\$1,218,520	Dec.	\$1,218,520
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